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In re the Application of:

Richard C. Stanfield

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, Richard C. Stanfield (Citizen of the United States of America), hereby declare that:

- 1) I am the inventor of the above-captioned application;
- 2) Prior to September 22, 2000, the filing date of Provisional U.S. Patent Application No. 60/234,623, and December 15, 2000, the filing date of Provisional U.S. Patent Application No. 60/255,981 which were converted to Non-Provisional Patent Application 09/960,899 and which was published as Patent Application Publication US 2002/0059100 (hereinafter "Shore"), I conceived of the invention recited in claims 1-23 of the above-captioned application, at least to the extent the claims are allegedly taught by Shore.
- 3) I prepared a disclosure document (copy attached hereto as Exhibit A) of an embodiment of the invention.
- 4) The disclosure document attached as Exhibit A was sent to my patent attorney, Mr. Joseph M. Potenza of the law firm Banner & Witcoff, Ltd., on August 23,

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2000, as evidenced by the facsimile communication attached as Exhibit B with original marginalia of Joseph M. Potenza.

- 5) On November 14, 2000, Douglas W. Robinson (also an attorney with Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.) sent a draft of the above-captioned patent application to me for my review. A copy of the letter communicating the draft is attached as Exhibit C.
- 6) On December 1, 2000 Douglas W. Robinson sent a revised figure 2 of the above-captioned patent application. A copy of the facsimile communicating the revised draft is attached as Exhibit D.
- 7) On December 4, 2000, the above-captioned patent application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- 8) The exchange of draft applications with my patent attorney demonstrates diligence from before September 22, 2000 until the filing of the above-captioned patent application and the constructive reduction to practice of our invention.
- 9) All acts referred to in this Declaration were performed either in the United States;
- 10) The attached Exhibits have not been altered since they were prepared or communicated; and
- 11) I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the United States of America that statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Newspaper Inventory

Respectfully submitted,


Richard C. Stanfield


Date

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